



## **BUFFALO TRAIL PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BTPS Receives Mental Health Funding - NEWS RELEASE – November 28, 2022**

This summer the government announced a grant for new partnerships with school divisions to support mental health pilot projects. Provincially, there is a \$40 million allocation of funding for mental health pilot projects. The funding is part of a grant program which will support 60 mental health pilots across Alberta. We are fortunate at Buffalo Trail Public Schools (BTPS) to benefit from the pilot mental health project announcement. The pilot will be in place until December 2024.

The grant will allow additional universal support for mental health for BTPS students. This pilot project will be in partnership with the Wainwright on Wellness (WOW) program and provide universal mental health supports to the remaining BTPS schools, in the southern part of the division, which are not currently served by this program. These schools include Provost, Amisk, Hughenden, Edgerton and Dr. Folkins Community School in Chauvin.

The northern schools in BTPS are supported by Vermilion Is Being Empowered (VIBE).

We are fortunate to have strong partnerships with WOW and VIBE which make a huge difference to our BTPS students.

BTPS continues to support mental health and well-being within all our schools.